Deposition Designations for: ROBERT J. WILKES December 15, 1999

## **Deposition Designation Key**

Arrowood = Arrowood Indem. Co. f/k/a Royal Indem. Co. (Light Green)

BNSF = BNSF Railway Co. (Pink)

Certain Plan Objectors "CPO" = Government Employees Insurance Co.; Republic Insurance Co. n/k/a Starr Indemnity and Liability Co.; OneBeacon America Insurance Co.; Seaton Insurance Co.; Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.; Allianz S.p.A. f/k/a Riunione Adriatica Di Sicurta; and Allianz SE f/k/a Allianz Aktiengesellschaft; Maryland Casualty Co.; Zurich Insurance Co.; and Zurich International (Bermuda) Ltd.; Continental Casualty Co. and Continental Insurance Co. and related subsidiaries and affiliates; Federal Insurance Co.; and AXA Belgium as successor to Royal Belge SA (Orange)

CNA = Continental Cas. Co & Continental Ins. Co. (Red)

FFIC = Fireman Funds Ins. Co. (Green)
FFIC SC = Fireman Funds Ins. Co. "Surety Claims" (Green)

GR = Government Employees Ins. Co.; Republic Ins. Co. n/k/a Starr Indemnity and Liability Co.

**Libby = Libby Claimants (Black)** 

**OBS** = OneBeacon America Ins. Co. and Seaton Ins. Co. (Brown)

PP = Plan Proponents (Blue)

Montana = State of Montana (Magenta)

**Travelers = Travelers Cas. and Surety Cos. (Purple)** 

UCC & BLG = Unsecured Creditors' Committee & Bank Lenders Group (Lavender)

AFNE = Assume Fact Not in L = Leading

Evidence LA = Legal Argument

AO = Attorney Objection LC = Legal Conclusion

BE = Best Evidence LPK - Lacks Personal Knowledge

Cum. = Cumulative LO = Seeking Legal Opinion Ctr = Counter Designation NT = Not Testimony

Ctr-Ctr = Counter-Counter Obj: = Objection
ET = Expert Testimony R = Relevance

F = Foundation S = Speculative

408 = Violation of FRE 408 UP = Unfairly Prejudicial under Rule 403

H = Hearsay V = Vague

IH - Incomplete Hypothetical

1	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH
2	JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
3	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
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5	ROBERT J. WILKES and M. JEAN ) WILKES, husband and wife, ) Cause No. DV-96-60
6	Plaintiffs,
7	vs )
8 9.	W.R. GRACE & COConn, a ) Connecticut corporation, and ) DOES I-IV, )
10	Defendants. )
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13 ·	VIDEO DEPOSITION
14	OF
15	ROBERT J. WILKES
16	(On Behalf of the Plaintiffs)
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19	Taken at the home of Robert J. Wilkes
20	316 Dome Mountain Avenue Libby, Montana
21	Wednesday, December 15, 1999 2:30 p.m.
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24	Reported by Debra M. Hedman, RPR, RMR, and Notary
25	Public for the State of Montana, Flathead County.

	significante John perore for people one of the					
2	you worked at the mine and before you went to work					
3	at Zonolite?					
4	A No, I was just cutting wood. A few fence .					
. 5	posts in that, too.					
6	Q Okay. Do you remember how long you worked					
7	at Zonolite?					
8	A Probably two and a half years. That's					
9	down on the bottom and up on top both.					
10	Q Do you remember when you left Zonolite,					
1 <b>i</b>	the year approximately?					
12.	A About 1946, '47.					
13	Q Can you sort of summarize the work that					
14	you did after you left Zonolite in 1946?					
15	A I started driving dump truck. When I					
16	worked for Zonolite that's what I did. And then I					
17	kind of liked the dump truck so I stayed on them as					
18	much as I could.					
19	Q And what kinds of outfits did you drive					
20	dump truck for?					
21	A Well, Russell Deist, he had just one dump					
22	truck and I hauled rip-rap up on the river up at					
23	Rexford. That was just a short job. I just					
24	Q Did you ever drive logging trucks?					
25	A Oh, yeah. A lot of it.					

	_	A real, on Paylie Machinery.
	2	Q What happened there?
	3	A Lost a finger.
	4	Q Do you remember when that was, roughly?
	5	A About '76.
	6	Q All right. How about any other injuries?
	7	Did you ever suffer any other injuries?
	8	A When I worked for Bushman I ruined my
	9	neck.
	10	Q When was that?
	11	A In 188.
	12 .	Q Did you go back to work after that neck
	1,3	injury?
	. 14	A No.
	15	Q So is the neck injury what caused you to
	16	retire?
	17	A That's right.
	18	Q Do you recall how old you were when that
	19	happened?
	20	A No, I really don't. I didn't keep track
<b>.</b>	21	of my age.
Dy	22	Q Okay. I'd like to address now the jobs
J	23	that you worked when you were up at Zonolite
	24	specifically. Do you remember what your first job
	<sup>.</sup> 25	was when you worked at Zonolite?

1	A For W.R. Grace or for Bill Blue?
2	Q When you worked at Zonolite, the first
3	work that you did that took you up there.
4	A I went right out on a dump truck.
5	Q. Now you mentioned Billy Blue?
6	A That was down below at the transfer bin.
7	That was before I went up there.
8	Q Now, was Billy Blue a part of Zonolite or
9	what was that relationship?
10	A As far as I know, he was. He had a
11	contract with them to haul the ore from the transfe
12	bins to the siding here in Libby.
13	Q · When you worked for Billy Blue did you
14	ever make any other trips except for Zonolite?
15 ·	A No.
16	Q What was the You know, you mentioned
17	that you hauled ore to town. What did Did you
18.	start in town with an empty truck and then go
19	A Yeah. Right.
20	Q Okay. Where on the hill did you go to
21	pick up your load?
22	A Oh, when we started up Rainey Creek, I
23	would say close to two and a half miles up there, or
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But it was at or near the mine and mill?

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Up in that area?
A It was down below the mill.
Q How far down from the mill would you say?
A Straight across. Not too far. Fifteen
hundred feet probably.
Q I'm going to show you this photo. It's
Exhibit 1-31. Would you take a look at that and see
if that describes
A That's
Q Let's hold it up a little. Is that where
you went to pick up the ore?
A Yeah. I came in this way and in there and
down another road and down off the mountain
(indicating).
Q How about this? Does this accurately
depict it, too? That's Exhibit 2-83?
A Yeah.
Q Okay. Let's hold it up and make sure we
get a shot. Using those photos can you describe

what the process was when you were driving for Billy
Blue to pick up your load?

A Well, you pulled in under there, and you
can't see them in the picture, but there is a chute
for each bin that the ore is dumped in from the skip
up above.

Yeah, whichever spot that you -- if you

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	2	had the order to get out of the first one or second
	. 3,	one or third one, and depended on what grade of ore
	4	they wanted down there downtown.
	5	Q How long did it usually take for the truck
	- 6	to fill?
	7	A Probably twenty minutes. Fifteen to
	8	twenty minutes.
	9	Q Now, did you just open the chute?
	10	A Opened it, let the ore go in there and
	11	it built up to the chute and then you would shut it
. •	12	off and kick it around and open it up again, and
Libby	13	Q Was that a dusty job?
	14	A Quite dusty, yeah. You couldn't see
	15	sometimes.
	16	Q Now, were you How did you shut the ore
	17	off?
	18	A Just pulled the Pushed the chute the
	19	hopper, on the bottom of that chute there, that just
	20	pulls it off.
•	21	Q And where was the dust coming from at that
	22	point?
	23.	A From out of there?
	24	Q Yeah.
	25	A It was when it hit the bed of the truck or
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	1	the dump box. It would just billow up around you.
	2	Q And where were you standing at that point?
•	3	A Sometimes I would stay on the outside
	4	until it got full to where I had to get in there and
	5 .	kick it around, and then I got in there and I kicked
	б	the ore around to get it away from the chute to Fill
	7	the box full up.
	8	Q And did you just do the chute one time and
•	9	fill it or did it take you a couple times?
	10	A Well, it took two or three times to do
	11 .	that.
	12	Q Why was that?
•	13	A Because you had to get it in there and
***	14	push it back away or it just wouldn't fill up.
LING(	15	Q How would you describe the dust?
1	16	A Very bad. It It's kind of hard to tell
-	17	how thick it was. It was so thick it would knock
	18	the lights out. You couldn't even see the light
	19	burning.
	20	Q This photo here, Exhibit 1-31, that seems
	21	to show that the entire area was covered. Do you
	22	remember any ventilation?
•	23	A In here (indicating)?
	24	Q Yes?
	25	A None. The only ventilation was with the

air through where you drove the truck in. That's

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•	2	the only thing there was.
J bbd [	3	Q Do you remember whether the dust ever
- 4	4	varied depending upon certain conditions?
	5	A There was dust all the time. If you was
ı İ	6	hauling the coarse ore, the heavy stuff, there
1	7	wasn't so much dust there. But then if you got in
	8	there and was taking the finer stuff down or loading
	9	out there, it was terrific. It was dust you was
l l	10	just loading dust. That's all there was.
	11	Q And how could you tell what grade of ore
	12	it was?
:	13	A Well, each chute was marked; one, two,
:	14	three, four, five, and six.
٠ :	15	Q And were you always able to drive right up
• :	16	and fill your load?
:	17	A Sometimes I would have to wait for another
	18	truck to get out of my way.
:	19	Q And where would you wait?
2	20	A Back beyond it, on the back side Let's
2	21	see, I would wait out here, out in the road. And
	22	the truck that was loading, he would go on through,
2	23	and
. 2	24	Q Was it only dusty when you were loading?
2	25	A Not necessarily. If they were dumping ore

in the top up there, why, dust was coming out them

	2	wind	lows u	p on the top.
	3	•	Q	I'm sorry, can you show that again?
	4		A	Coming out them top windows there and it
	5 ,	woul	.d. jus	t come out there and fall down over you.
	6		Q	The dust was coming out of the windows?
	7		A	Yeah, there was no windows in there. Just
	8	vent	hole	s is what they were.
	9	•	Q	How many loads did you usually haul each
	10	day?		
	11		A	If I recall, it was eight or nine loads
	12	that	уоц	were that you had to haul in. That was
	13	ten	yards	or so on a load.
	14		Q	You mentioned that sometimes you had to
	15	wait	behi	nd a truck that was filling its load. How
	16	many	time	s per day do you think that happened?
	17		A	Probably once a week.
	18	٠	Q	Did you ever do anything to protect
	19	your	self :	from being around so much dust when you
	20	were	fill	ing the ore?
•	21		A	I just tried to put them little paper
•	22	mask	on my	y face and it didn't do a bit of good.
Libby [	23		Q	What happened when you went to town with
<b>'</b>	24	your	load	?
	25 .		A	Well, it depended on what ore you was
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hauling, you had to cover it. If it was the coarse stuff you didn't have to cover it with a tarp. If it was the fine stuff you had to tie it down pretty tight. Q And why was that? Because the wind would just blow it off. It was just dust. Q What happened when you got into town? You would back into -- You drove on the scales and then you backed off of the scales up onto the ramp. Q Where were you delivering to? Α Into Libby. There by the -- Where the overpass is now in Libby. Was it a Grace facility? Α Oh, yeah. Or excuse me, a Zonolite facility? Q (Deponent shakes head.) Was this also a Zonolite facility? Did you ever have any interaction with employees from Zonolite? With any what? . A Q . With any employees or supervisors from

Were there people at the place --

LIDDY	1	A At this (indicating)?
• .	2	Q where you loaded?
	3	A No.
	4	. Q Were there people in town that worked for
I	5	Zonolite?
ı	<u>,</u> 6	A Yes. Uh-huh. There was. The guy on the
1	. 7	skip Yeah, up on the skip house there, but the
• [	. 8	one guy on the scales weighing it and because you
	9	weighed in and then when you unloaded you weighed
1	10	out, on account of gasoline that you burned.
	11	Q Were you in your truck when you unloaded?
	12	A Part of the time.
	13	Q When would you be out of the truck?
*	14	A When I would walk back there to see
	15	whether all the ore has fell out or went out or shut
	16	the tailgate before I pulled down off of there and
	17	stuff like that. Just something that you had to do
	18	when you were hauling a truck for them.
	19	Q Was that a dusty job? Unloading?
	20	A Yeah. Just as much dust up there as there
	21	was up on top.
	22	Q Were you in an enclosed area when you were
	23	unloading?

A No. Just a roof over it.

Q Any of them? How long did it usually take

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Libbi	1	for you to dump the load?
	2	A I don't know. Three to five minutes.
	. 3	Q When you worked for Billy Blue and were
	4	driving that route between town and the lower ore .
٠	5	bins, do you remember whether you kept your windows
	6 '	up or down?
	7	A Well, in the summertime you drove with
•	8	them down; in the wintertime you had them up with
	9	the heater on.
	. 10	Q Do you remember whether dust got in your
	11	truck?
	12	A Oh, lots of it.
	1.3	Q How do you remember that?
	14	A A lot of times I would have to wipe the
ĺ	15	windshield on the inside to see before I could leave
	16	up there. It would just Sometimes when I would
	17	go in there, I would forget to roll the window up or
	18	maybe I left a door open, and it would just fill.
	19	that cab full of dust.
	20	Q Did it ever cause any maintenance problems
}	21	for your truck?
1	22	A Some

Q What kinds of things do you remember?

starter buttons. Anything electrical that it could

Ignition switches and light switches and

get in, that dust would get in there and insulate it and it wouldn't work.

- 3 Q You mentioned that when you had a paper
- 4 mask -- When you were loading the ore?
- 5 A Yeah.
- Q Where did you get that?
- 7 A Hargraves Drug Store.
- 8 Q How is it that you started to wear that
- 9 mask?
- 10 A I was trying to keep from breathing in so
- 11 much dust. You would breathe that dust in and
- before you got loaded, why, you were spitting mud
- 13 balls.
- 14 Q Did you know what was in the dust?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Did you know what you were loading?
- 17 A. I knew what I was loading, yes, but I
- 18 didn't know what it was. But you know, at that
- 19 time, no, I didn't know nothing.
- 20 Q What did you refer to your loads as? You
- 21 hauled -- Fill in the blank.
- 22 A Do what now?
- 23 Q If I were to ask you what you used to haul
- 24 when you drove for Billy Blue, what would you tell
- 25 people that you hauled? What did you refer to --

	1	unloading the ore?
	2	A No.
	. 3	Q Did you ever use them at another time when
•	4	you were driving?
	5	A No.
	· 6	Q How long would you say that when you
	. 7	were wearing the mask, that you wore it, did you
	8	wear it from the time you got out of your truck or
	9	just opened the chute or how would you describe it?
	10	A Put it on just as we got ready to load.
- 4	11	Then it would get You couldn't breathe, so I
	12	would take the stupid thing off to get more air, and
	. 13 .	finally I just quit wearing them.
	14	Q Did you ever have any protective equipment
	15	while you were doing that job?
	16	A No.
	17	Q Did anyone ever tell you that you should
	. 18	wear the mask?
• a a	19	A No.
100y	20	Q Do you remember how long you did that job
	21	where you hauled from Zonolite for Billy Blue?
	. 22	A Probably two years.
	23	Q Then what happened?
	24	A Well, they were in the process of moving
	25	their transfer bins up the river, running across the
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river on a belt. And the only reason I hauled any ore at all into town was to keep the popping plant going. The expanding -- They had to expand the ore and put it in baggage, you know, and put it in . railroad cars and send it all over the United States. And so what effect did that have on your Q job with Billy Blue? Well, it put me out of a job and they more or less just transferred me up on the hill up there. Did you continue to work for Billy Blue? No. W.R. Grace. A Did you work for Zonolite? Q Yeah, Zonolite then. Vermiculite. Α ·Q So you were hired by Zonolite? Yeah. Right. Α Q How big was the gap in between the time that you work for Billy Blue and W.R. Grace? . .... One day probably. Or maybe -- I drove days up there at the mine and I drove nights -straight nights down here for Blue. What did you do when you started working for Zonolite directly? Α Drove dump truck.

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1	A Up in the pit.
2	Q And what did that job entail?
3	A It was what?
. 4	Q What did you do when you drove dump truck
5	and worked in the pit?
6	A You backed into the shovel and they loaded
7	you and you hauled it down. If it was ore you took
8	it down to the mill and dumped it into the hopper
9	there, and that would take quite some time sometimes
10	because you would have to take a sledge hammer and
11	break up them big chunks that wouldn't go through
12	the grading.
13	Q Do you remember whether it was a dusty job
14	when you were driving?
15	A Up in the pit it was terrible. It was
16	terrific up there.
17	Q Can you describe the dust that you
18	remember?
19	A Well, when you stick your head in the
20	flour sack and bang both sides, let's you know how
21	dusty it is.
22	Q Was it when you were being loaded or when
23	you were dumping or driving?
24	A Backing in and driving out both. They had
25	the exhausts on them trucks that was underneath, and

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1	it was hitting the ground and that stuff was a
2	flying out from under the trucks all the time. And
3	you'd even have to stop After you got loaded and
4	you got started out of the pit, you would have to
5	stop sometimes because it was too dusty. The wind
6	would blow it ahead of you and you just couldn't
7	see.
8	Q When you drove in the pit, did you have
9	windows in your truck?
ιo	A Yeah, but they didn't do you any good.
L <b>1</b> .	They wouldn't let you stay in the truck.
12	Q What do you mean?
.3	A You had to stand out in front of the truck
4	because if something would break on the shovel or
.5	they would lose one of them big boulders and it
.6	landed in that box on that truck, it would fly up in
7	the air and come down and would probably snap your
8.	neck.
9.	Q So did you stand in the front of the
0	truck
1	A Yeah, when
2	Q when the shovel loaded you?
3	A Yeah.
4	Q Do you remember whether dust got in your
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1	A Oh, lots of it.
2	Q How do you remember that?
3	A Just dust all over the dash and the seats.
4	And no matter where you looked you seen dust.
. <u>.</u> 5	Q Did that cause any maintenance problems
6	for the truck, that you remember?
7	A Ignition problems, because daytime I
8	didn't use lights or nothing like that up there.
9	Just ignition switch and it would get in the
10	distributor and foul up the points and stuff like
11	that.
12	Q Do you remember speaking to any of the
13	Zonolite maintenance people about your truck?
14	A Oh, yeah.
15	Q What kinds of discussions would you have?
16	A Well, John Baggs up there, I talked to him
17	one day when we was in the in the lunch shack
18	there. If you could talk to them down there and get
19	them to put horizontal pipes on them trucks so they
20	wouldn't be blowing up the dust, and that was about
21	all we ever talked about. Nothing was ever done
22	about it.
23	Q Do you remember ever having any
24	conversation with the maintenance people about
25	maintenance problems with your truck?

1	A Yeah, down at the shop.
2	Q What kinds of things, do you remember?
3	A One thing he said He was blaming it on
4	to me and it wasn't my fault at all.
5	Q What did he blame on you?
6 ·	A The points in the distributor were burning
7	up and that was their fault it was doing that.
. '8	Q You mentioned a lunch shack. Where did
9	you eat lunch when you were in the pit?
10.	A In the pit.
11	Q Was that How close was that to the rest
12	of the area? To where the shovel and the trucks
13	were running?
14	A Half a block.
15	Q Do you remember whether it was dusty in
16	the lunch shack?
17	A Oh, yeah.
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19	A All the time I was up there. And that was
20	probably eight, nine months, something like that.
21	Q What caused you to leave Zonolite?
22	A Got mad.
23	Q What happened?
24	A They took me off the truck and gave me a
25	wheelbarrow and told me to shovel out under a

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conveyor belt out there and --, where the overspill
was and there was nothing but dust up under there.
And I said, No, I says -- I hired out as a truck
driver, not a wheelbarrow pusher, and a few other
things. And he said, You're not going to do it,
huh? And I said, No, I'm not.
          Who was that? -
          Kujawa.
          So you quit?
          I quit right then. I told him, That's it.
          Because you didn't want to push a
wheelbarrow?
          No, I wasn't going to do their dusty job
for them.
          Okay. When you were hired at Zonolite,
did the company warn you that exposure to the dust
could be harmful to you?
 . . A. . No.
     Q When you were hired, did the company warn
you that exposure to asbestos could be harmful to
you?
         Nope.
         When you were hired at Zonolite, did any
of the other workers ever warn you about the dust or
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LIDDY	1	A	I can't remember anybody saying anything
<b>/</b> L	2	about it	at all.
	3	Q	Did you ever see any signs about the
	4 .	hazards o	f asbestos or dust?
	5	À	Just some of that gray-looking junk that
	6	would com	e out between the rocks and stuff.
•	7	Q	How about, like, signs saying, Beware?
	8	, A	No.
	9.	Q	No signs like that?
. 1	.0	. A	No.
1	1	Q	Did your supervisors ever warn you that
1	2	the dust	could harm you?
1.	3 '	A	No.
1	4	· Q	Do you remember other workers talking
1	5	about the	dust or asbestos when you worked there?
. 1	6	<b>A</b>	No. About the dust. Nobody ever said
1	7	anything a	about asbestos up there.
1	8	Q ·	Do you remember whether you or any of the
	9	other worl	kers, to your knowledge, ever complained to
2	0	the super	risors about the dust?
<b>2</b> :	1	A	I did, but then it didn't do any good.
2:	. 2	Q	What did you say?
2:		A	I wanted them to water the road.
2,		0	And what was their response?

Well, they told us -- And I could see

. 1	their point, too, because when it would rain up
. 2	there you couldn't get in the pit or out of it. It
3	was so slippery it was like stepping on a bar of
4	soap. So it was just impossible to and they
. 5	couldn't build a road in there out of gravel or
6	something, because they can't use that road that
7	long.
8	Q Do you remember any of your supervisors
9	telling you anything about the dust?
10	A No.
11	Q Do you remember any of your supervisors
12	ever telling you that the dust was not harmful to
13	you?
14	A Yeah.
15	Q What do you remember?
16	A Kujawa said it wasn't any the dust
17	wasn't any worse in that mine up there or that mill
18	than the dust coming out of a wheat field.
19	Q Did you ever work in the mill?
20	A No.
2ĺ	Q Were you aware when you worked at Zonolite
22	that other workers were becoming sick from the dust?
23	A I knew people were getting sick, but I
24	didn't know what was causing it.
25	Q Do you remember hearing about after you

1	A Not from Carl or anybody. Nobody.
2	Q Aside from the contact that you had with
. 3	people, you know, in making your fuel deliveries,
4	after you left Zonolite working there in the '40s,
5	did you ever have any did you ever receive any
6	contact from them? Did they ever contact you again
7	after you left?
8	A No. I was called on the phone two, three
9	times by Johnny Baggs to get me to come back to
10	work, but I wouldn't do it.
11	Q Why didn't you want to go back to work?
12	A Because when I quit a job, I quit.
1.3	Q Can you describe some of the breathing
14	problems you've had in the last few years?
1.5	A Terrible. Just Sometimes I just don't
16	think I'm going to make it until the next day.
17	Q What kinds of activities make you short of
18	breath now?
19	A Pretty near anything I do.
20	Q Do you remember when you first started to
21	notice that you were having some breathing problems?
22	A Started about eight, nine years ago, I
23	guess, when we were out hiking or stuff like that,
24	we'd been It didn't dawn on me what was going on.
25	I didn't know what was wrong.

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       angioplasty.
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                 Do you continue to get checkups from your
       'doctor about your heart?
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            Α
                 Yeah.
         . . Q
                 What's your understanding of how your .
 6
       heart is doing?
                 Good.
                 Did you eventually go see a lung
       specialist?
            Α
                 I did, yeah.
               Who did you go see?
            Q
           A Whitehouse in Spokane.
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           Q Do you remember when you went to go see
13
14
       him?
                 I don't know -- remember the date, no. A
15
16
       couple years ago.
                What's your understanding about
17
          Q
       Dr. Whitehouse's specialty?
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                                                                   OBJ.
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                First thing he asked me, he said, Did
20
      you work for Zonolite? And I said, Yeah. And he
21
       said --
                Did you tell him you were from Libby?
22
           Q
                Yeah. But he said -- To start with I
23
           A ·
       think he asked me if I worked around brakes, and I
      said, No:
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your understanding, that some of your breathing

2	problems are related to your heart?
3	A He said that the breathing problems was
4	causing part of it in my heart, yeah. But whether
5	the heart was causing the breathing, I don't think
6	so.
7	Q Have you ever been exposed to asbestos in
. 8	any other job, besides
9	A Not that I know of, no.
10	Q Did you ever tell any of your doctors that
11	you had been exposed to asbestos?
12	A Just Dr. Rice.
13 .	. Q When was the last time that you went to a
14.	doctor because of your breathing problems?
15	A A week ago.
1.6	Q When was or, who was that?
17	A Dr. Rice.
1.8	Q Here in Libby?
1.9	A Yeah.
20	Q And what was happening that led you to go
21	see him?
22	A Couldn't breathe. I was getting I just
23	was so short of air all the time, I would try to
24	breathe and I'd start coughing, coughing and
25	coughing, and I went down there
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Libby	. 1	Q Did you have some more tests done with	
	2 1	Dr. Rice?	
	3	A At that time I did, yeah.	•
	4	Q What kind of tests were performed?	
	5	A .I took that air test again, you know, h	wo.
	6 г	much you could take in and how much you can let o	ut.
	7	Q And what's Do you recall the results	of
	8 t	those tests?	28

Do you have any understanding about --

He just said it went from 75 down to 50. 11 Α

Seventy-five percent down to fifty percent. That's 12

what I've got today is 50 percent of air capacity. 13

Did he give you any additional medication 14

or prescription for your breathing problem? 15

Just have to be on that nebulizer for 16

twice a day probably for the rest of my life. And 17

18 on that Serevent and Flovent, and I'm on both of ....

19 them.

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20 And you have been on those since

Dr. Whitehouse gave them to you? 21

The Flovent, I just went on that here. 22

Dr. Rice told me to take the Sevevent morning and 23

night -- two puffs in the morning, two puffs at 24

night. Then Flovent, two puffs in the morning, two 25